

No statement was made by the speaker with reference to the official acts or the personal relations between the members of the present State Board of Health. He was attacking a public health law and a political system that makes possible the removal of a qualified health official without just cause. The writer sincerely regrets if there has been a misinterpretation of an incomplete account of a statement made by him. He is glad to present these facts in order to remove any doubt as to his intentions.

As president-elect of the American Public Health Association, I see it as my duty to advocate improvement in public health laws and public health administration practices in this and other states. This was the main purpose of my New Mexico address. There is agreement among medical and public health leaders that sound public health programs require properly trained health officials with tenure of office based solely upon satisfactory services; further, that the Board of Health must be clothed with ample powers and given adequate budgets.

The writer is convinced that both the editor and the members of the State Board of Health are ready to join in any efforts to secure such improvements in the California health laws as will make for continuity of satisfactory services and administration.

WALTER H. BROWN, M. D.

In a reply letter to Doctor Brown, the editor stated in part as follows:

August 24, 1935.

Dr. Walter H. Brown,
Department of Hygiene,
Stanford University, California.

Dear Doctor Brown:—Receipt of your letter of August 20, in which you comment upon the editorial printed in the August issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE (page 107), is herewith acknowledged.

We are happy to learn that the stenographer who took the address you made to the New Mexico Public Health Association committed a serious error in his transcriptions. The synopsis of your article, as printed in the *New Mexico Health Officer*, Vol. V, No. 2, and from which our quotation was taken, gave to us the impression that you were of the opinion that the members of the present California State Board of Health were parties to tearing down and disrupting the Health Department of their State. The members of that Board did not agree with you, and they regret that you thought it necessary to single out California for special mention in order to lay a foundation for your other comments. If you received a copy of the *New Mexico Health Officer* about the same date (July 20), at which time a copy was given to the California State Board, and had promptly written to the California Board calling attention to the error, the editorial in the August issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE would not have been written.

Inasmuch as you hold a professorship in hygiene, I take it that you are familiar with the California laws which provide that the public health policies of the State shall be under the control of the Board as a whole; the secretary-director, who is the salaried executive, or administrative officer, being the individual who is responsible for putting the Board's orders into effect. . . .

Concerning security of tenure of office for executive public health officers who perform satisfactory service, and budgets adequate to cover the public health requirements of the commonwealth, we are in agreement with you. Sometimes, however, executive officials do not always give satisfactory service; and not infrequently a commonwealth is unable, through lack of funds, to provide an adequate budget. No absolute rule can, therefore, be made to cover all cases, and on that account laws should not be too rigid. . . .

Cordially yours,

GEORGE H. KRESS, M. D.

Concerning recreation courses for patients, University of California Extension Division.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Extension Division
Berkeley

August 14, 1935.

To the Editor:—Mr. Guy P. Jones of the Department of Public Health has suggested to me that you might possibly use a short note drawing attention to the University Extension Division's so-called "recreational" courses. It has recently come to our attention that a number of members of the medical profession have recommended such courses to patients from time to time.

Thanking you for any cooperation you might render, I am

Very sincerely yours,

WALTER S. FREDERICK,
Publications Editor.

Announcement follows:

University of California Recreation Courses.—Plans have been completed by the University of California Extension Division for the opening of more than 400 courses of instruction, open to anyone interested, during the fall months, according to an announcement received from Professor Leon J. Richardson, director.

"Men and women of all ages who seek some form of education but who are unable to attend the University of California will be able to secure training through the inauguration of this broad educational program throughout the state," says Professor Richardson.

Bulletins announcing the new courses are available to those who want detailed information and may be had by communication with the University Extension Division, Berkeley, California. Among the new "recreational" courses to be offered this fall are included "Six Trips Afield" and "Painting and Drawing for Recreation."

Other courses offered include studies in the field of anthropology, astronomy, biology, botany, history, political science, economics, and English, it is announced.

Concerning Assembly Bill 1765—An example of a "chartered university" by the State of California!

William R. Molony, M. D.,
Chairman, College Investigating Committee,
Board of Medical Examiners,
1930 Wilshire Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Doctor Molony:—The enclosed copy of a letter in reference to a naturopathic diploma issued by the California University of Liberal Physicians is self-explanatory.

The 1921 minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners, page 2112, report of the College Investigating Committee, show the following entry: California University of Liberal Physicians, Los Angeles, "inactive." . . .

Very truly yours,

C. B. PINKHAM, M.D.,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Frank W. Taylor,
437 South Western Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:—We greatly appreciate your kindness in forwarding us a diploma issued to you April 18, 1935, by the "California University of Liberal Physicians, chartered 1914 by the State of California . . ." which diploma grants you the degree "Doctor of Naturopathy."

Our records show that the California University of Liberal Physicians (Corporation No. 76965) was incorporated May 18, 1914. Among its purposes is stated, "To establish and conduct a college of learning for the purpose of teaching the art of healing and other sciences. . . . To prescribe courses of study and to issue certificates conferring degrees of proficiency and literary honors. . . . To establish and conduct a training school for nurses and masseurs. . . . To do anything and everything necessary to properly conduct a college of learning according to the provisions of Sections 649, 650, and 651 of the Civil Code of the State of California. . . ." The principal place of business is Los Angeles, and the trustees and incorpo-